Removal of submerged Dredgers at Paradeep Port

1668. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that as the two submerged Dredgers at Paradeep Port have not been cleared so far and that it has resulted in the diversion at big Ship to other ports;

(b) what time it will take for clearance of these two dredgers; and

(c) what is the loss sustained on account of these two submerged dredgers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The salvage operation in respect of the two wrecks are still going on at the site. Government are not aware of any diversion of ships to other ports on this account.

(b) A contract for the removal of wrecks of two dredgers has been awarded in October, 1986. The time required for clearance of both the wrecks can be estimated after the removal of the first wreck is completed.

(c) The book value of dredgers Konarka and MCT—III at the time of their grounding was approximately Rs. 85 lakhs and Rs. 6.67 lakhs respectively.

Gopalpur-at-Sea Port in Orissa

1669. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the minor Port at Gopalpur-at-Sea in Orissa has been completed;

(b) when the Port is likely to be opened and what type of ships will be able to operate through the Port;

(c) how many tonnes of cargoes every year is expected to be handed through this port; and

(d) whether there is any proposal for the movement of passenger ships through this Port?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): The Port of Gopalpur-at-Sea is a minor port in Orissa and hence its management & development vest with the Govt. of Orissa. As such the information has been collected from the Govt. of Orissa, which is as follows:-

(a) It is expected to be completed around August, 1987.

(b) The Port has been opened to traffic on 27-2-1987. Ships calling at the Port stay in the sea at the anchorage around 1 Km. from the shore. Boats ply upto the ships for loading and unloading of cargo.

(c) The Port is presently designed to handle 5.25 lakhs tonnes of cargo. Initially it would be handling somewhat less than the designed capacity.

(d) No, Sir.

"शाने पंजाब" एक्सप्रेस रेलगाड़ी का देर से चलना

1670. **श्री सूरज प्रसाद :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पिछले दो महीनों से "शाने पंजाब" रेलगाड़ी नई दिल्ली से देर से चल रही है जिसके कारण पठानकोट और जम्मू जाने वाले यात्रियों को दिन और रात स्टेशन पर बितानी पड़ती है क्योंकि जम्मू तवी लिंक एक्सप्रेस ठीक समय पर जालंधर स्टेशन से चली जाती है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार कोई ऐसी व्यवस्था करेगी कि शाने पंजाब के आगमन के बाद ही लिंक एक्सप्रेस जालंधर स्टेशन से चले ;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि पठानकोट तथा जम्मू जाने वाले यात्रियों को जालंधर तक तो आरक्षण मिल जाता है किन्तु जम्मू और पठानकोट से दिल्ली आने